



Team of the Year and recognition

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Recognizing our Airmen is a priority

Recognition is important to the Air Force. It brings a great amount of pride and job satisfaction when those around us take the time to recognize the efforts Airmen bring to the fight every day.

Recently, the Air Force and the Air Force Association selected expeditionary medics as the 2007 Team of the Year. The selection brings attention to the medical community's deployed mission, and the direct impact they have on saving lives in the Global War on Terror.

Air Force Surgeon General James Roudebush said that it's been the talent and dedication of our medics that has ensured that 97 percent of the casualties seen in our deployed and joint theater hospitals will survive today. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley added that all Airmen can be proud of their fellow warriors in the medical community and the tremendous job they are doing in-theater.

Each year, the Air Force Association recognizes one career field as Team of the Year. Historically, the team of the year honors an enlisted career field. In the recent past, the following career fields also have been recognized as the team of the year: services, vehicle operators, office of special investigations and command and control.

Recognition, however, doesn't have to come from large organizations such as AFA or from a headquarters level. Recognition for a job well done is something any of us can do for our peers. A supervisor who takes the time to submit his or her Airmen for local awards, an Airman who points out a job well at an office meeting, a chief master sergeant who walks the halls to thank Airmen for their work ... these are all ways that Airmen can recognize the great things that happen every day in our service because of our Airmen. It's easy to take for granted the Airmen who work so hard every day, but as part of the Air Force team, we must all make the effort to share our pride and recognize all of our players.

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